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Purdue University to host 86th Indiana FFA State Convention

INDIANAPOLIS - Purdue University will serve as the host for the 86th Indiana FFA State Convention June 15-18, 2015. In celebration of the 11,000+ Indiana FFA members, "GO ALL OUT" will serve as the theme for the annual convention whose title sponsor for 2015 is Farm Credit-Mid America.

The 86th Indiana FFA State Convention will be filled with exciting opportunities for the estimated 3,500 convention attendees. Two keynote speakers bringing their enthusiasm and experiences to the convention will highlight the six general sessions in Elliott Hall of Music. Katie Stam Irk, Indiana's first Miss America will address attendees during the opening session of convention and Caleb Gustin, the National FFA Western Region Vice President, will provide remarks during the second general session.

"FFA provides a solid foundation for students to develop leadership skills and personal growth needed for career success," said ISDA Director Ted McKinney. "It is exciting to see so many students involved in this organization that will go on to accomplish so much, all while representing Indiana Agriculture."

Throughout the convention sessions, state contest winners will be recognized for their efforts in leadership excellence including:

- Winners of the proficiency areas from their Supervised Agriculture Experiences
- This year's class of 375 Hoosier FFA Degree recipients
- Top teams and individuals in the state Career Development Events
- The announcement of the Stars over Indiana names
- The 2015-2016 Indiana FFA State Officers will be inducted.

Throughout the four day convention, FFA members will have the chance to participate in a community service event, attend leadership workshops, banquets, and a trade show which will further encourage members to have a "GO ALL OUT" passion for the FFA and agriculture.

The [Indiana FFA State Convention](#) webpage will have media resources available including a map of locations. Social media users can follow the conversation on Twitter using the hashtags #86INFFAConv and #GoAllOut.

ABOUT ISDA

For almost five years the Indiana FFA Association has been housed at the [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) (ISDA) to allow for more connection with agriculture resources and advocacy efforts. ISDA was established as a separate state agency by the Legislature in 2005. The ISDA Director is appointed by the Governor and is a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Administratively, ISDA reports to Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture. Major responsibilities include advocacy for Indiana agriculture at the local, state and federal level, managing soil conservation programs, promoting economic development and agricultural innovation, serving as a regulatory ombudsman for agricultural businesses, and licensing grain firms throughout the state.

For more information, visit the Indiana FFA Association webpage at inffa.org, or follow the conversation on Twitter, Facebook, or BlogSpot.

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